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*Banning of the Red Flag Vivasayigal Sangam, a Communist Party in Tanjore.*

* 466 *Q.*—

**MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Sivaraj is not in his place. The answer to this question will be printed in the proceedings."**

SRI N. SIVARAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that leading mirasdars and the Taluk Congress Committee of Nannilam taluk have sent memorandum to the Government in 1954 requesting the Government to ban the Red Flag Vivasayigal Sangam, a Communist Party in the Tanjore district and demanding the stationing of a Military force for their safety?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No such memorandum has been received by the Government."

*Fares charged by small taxis in the City of Madras.*

* 467 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many small taxis are running in the City of Madras and the rate per mile they can charge ;

(*b*) how many small new cars and old cars are permitted to run as small taxis ; and

(*c*) up to what year (model) the cars are allowed to run or converted into taxis?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) 16. The maximum fare that can be charged for such a taxi is six annas per mile subject to a minimum of eight annas and waiting charges at annas two for every ten minutes of waiting.

" (*b*) One new car and 19 old cars.

" (*c*) All cars that are roadworthy, i.e., having a valid fitness certificate and satisfying the requirements of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules are issued permits to ply as baby taxis."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சென்னையில் டாக்ஸியில் (Taxi) சவாரி செய்யக் கூடியவர்கள் எத்தனை பேர்கள், எத்தனை மைல்கள் சவாரி செய்கிறார்கள் என்ற குறிப்பு அரசாங்கத்தினிடம் இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Obviously I want notice, Sir. I have no information on hand. Moreover, it would be difficult to collect the statistics also." (Laughter.)

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஸ்டேட் டிரான்ஸ்போர்ட் பஸ்களைப்போன்று டாக்ஸி (Taxi) களையும் அரசாங்கம் எடுத்து நடத்த ஏதாவது உத்தேசம் உண்டா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Is there any proposal before Government to increase the number of these small taxis? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Since we introduced these baby taxis, owners of 25 big taxis surrendered their permits. We are proposing to give them to the baby taxi owners so that the total number of baby taxis may come to fifty."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is there any proposal to increase the number of passengers from four to five? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have just passed orders that five people could be carried in a big taxi."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR :—" Will the Government introduce trolly buses as taxis, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Trolly buses are not meant for being run as taxis. They are expected to replace the tramways."

*Educational concessions to the children of teachers re-employed after retirement.*

* 468 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether school-fee concessions granted to the children of teachers are allowed to the children of teachers who are re-employed after retirement?

THE HON. C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question Nos. 469 and 470 may be taken together."

*Supply of electricity to Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district.*

* 469 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stage at which the scheme for the extension of the supply of electricity to Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district, stands at present; and

(*b*) when it is likely to be taken up for execution?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) A scheme for extension of supply of electricity to Ponneri Panchayat Board area, comprising Kummangalam, Thiruvayarpady, Chinnakavanam, Periakavanam and Ponneri villages, and Vembakkam, Thiruvengadapuram and Aladu villages in Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district, was sanctioned by the Government in February 1952.

" (*b*) It is proposed to commence the execution of the scheme during 1954–55."

* 470 *Q.*—SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the scheme for supply of electricity to rural parts has been extended to Ponneri taluk;

(*b*) if so, to how many villages in the taluk; and

(*c*) if not, when this scheme will be implemented?